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FOR THE YEAR

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1950

by

M. M. MARKHAM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this my first Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District.

Your obedient servant,

M. M. MARKHAM.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.

M. M. MARKHAM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor and Water Engineer.

M. FAWCETT, M.S.I.A., M.R. San.I.
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Additional Sanitary Inspector and Assistant Surveyor.

G. O. MARCH, M.S.I.A., A.R. San.I.
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Water Superintendent.

S. G. ERRIDGE (Tel. Kimbolton 348).

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area: 52,559 acres (approximately 81 square miles).
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1950:—2,292.
Rateable Value of the District: £25,853.
Value of a Penny Rate: £103.
The district is almost entirely agricultural.

Estimated Population (Mid 1949) 7,162.

Estimated Population (Mid 1950) 7,711.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

		M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	...	50	56	106
Illegitimate	...	4	3	7
Total	...	54	59	113

Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population ... 14.65

(Ditto for England and Wales) ... 15. 8

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	...	3	-	3
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
Total	...	3	-	3

Rate per 1,000 estimated population ... 0.389

(Ditto for England and Wales) ... 0.37

DEATHS (ALL AGES)

39	57	96	

Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population ... 12.45

(Ditto for England and Wales) ... 11. 6

DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER I YEAR

		M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	...	-	3	3
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
Total	...	-	3	3

DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

All infants per 1,000 live births ... 26.55

(Ditto for England and Wales) ... 29. 8

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ... 28.3

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births -

CAUSES OF DEATH.

(Registrar General's List).

List No.	Cause		Male	Female
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	—	—
2	Tuberculosis, other	...	—	1
3	Syphilitic	...	—	—
4	Diphtheria	...	—	—
5	Whooping cough	...	—	—
6	Meningococcal infections	...	—	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	—	—
8	Measles	...	—	—

9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	—	1
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	2	3
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	2	—
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	—	—
13	Malignant neoplasm, uteris	...	—	—
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	6	3
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	—	—
16	Diabetes	...	—	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	9	9
18	Coronary disease, angina	...	4	4
19	Hypertension with heart disease	...	1	1
20	Other heart disease	...	7	10
21	Other circulatory disease	...	—	4
22	Influenza	...	—	2
23	Pneumonia	...	—	3
24	Bronchitis	...	—	2
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	—	—
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	1	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	—	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	—	—
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	1	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	—	—
31	Congenital malformations	...	—	2
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	4	10
33	Motor vehicle accidents	...	—	—
34	All other accidents	...	1	—
35	Suicide	...	1	—
36	Homicide and operations of war	...	—	—
	Total all causes	...	39	57

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

The following Laboratory Facilities have been available to this authority and to General Practitioners in the area:

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. Tel. Cambridge 55526.

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, PH.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.), Tennison Road, Cambridge. Tel. Cambridge 2097.

(b) Ambulance Services.

(i) Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service, operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctor's orders (Tel. Huntingdon 67).

(ii) An ambulance stationed at Huntingdon Isolation Hospital has been available for cases of infectious disease (Tel. Huntingdon 59).

(c) Home Nursing.

Nurse-midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council carried out Home Nursing and attended Maternity Cases in the District:—

(i) A nurse residing in Great Staughton (Tel. Kimbolton 271), attended cases in Kimbolton, Great Staughton, Grafham, Perry, Tilbrook, Dillington and Hail Weston.

(ii) A nurse residing in Eltisley (Tel. Croxton 210), attended cases in Gt. Paxton, The Offords, Toseland, Yelling, Great Gransden, Waresley and Abbotsley.

(iii) A nurse residing in Brampton (Tel. Huntingdon 336), attended in Buckden, Diddington and Southoe.

(iv) A nurse residing in Catworth (Tel. Bythorn 217), attended in Catworth and Covington.

(v) Little Paxton was attended by a nurse living in St. Neots (Tel. St. Neots 215).

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

(1) The following Health Services, provided by the Huntingdon County Council, were available:—

Clinic	Patients seen.	When held	Where held.
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	1st Thursday in month, 10—11.30 a.m.	Liberal Club, St. Neots.
		1st Friday in month, 10.30—11.30 a.m.	Village Hall, Great Staughton.
		Every Monday, 9.30—10.30 a.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.
Infant Welfare	Children (0—5 years)	Every Wednesday and Thursday, 2—4 p.m.	Liberal Club, St. Neots.
		3rd Monday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.
		3rd Tuesday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Methodist Schoolroom, Buckden.
		1st Friday in month 2—4 p.m.	Village Hall, Great Staughton.
		3rd Monday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Reading Room, Gt. Gransden.

Dental	Pre-School and School-children.	1st Thursday in month, 10 a.m.—12 noon, 2—2.30 p.m.	Red Cross Room, High Street, St. Neots.
	Pre-Natal & Nursing Mothers,	Every Wednesday (except 2nd in month) and every Saturday. 10 a.m.—12 noon (by appointment).	Princes Street, Huntingdon.

(11) The following Health Services are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, but administered on an agency basis by the Huntingdon County Council:—

Clinic	Patients seen.	When held	Where held.
Ophthalmic	Pre-School and School-children.	1st and 3rd Fridays in month (by appointment, except in emergency), 10 a.m.—12 noon, 2—4 p.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.
Orthopaedic	Ditto,	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in month (by appointment), 10 a.m.—12 noon.	Ditto.

(111) The following Health Services were provided by the Regional Hospital Board:—

Clinic	Patients seen.	When held	Where held.
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday, 10 a.m.—12 noon.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Diseases	All cases	Tuesday, 3 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
		Males: Wed. and Fri., 4—6 p.m. Females: Wed., 4—6 p.m.; Fri., 10—12 noon.	28, Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-patient Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) **Hospital Services.**

Fever:—Huntingdon Isolation Hospital provided facilities for the investigation and treatment of infectious diseases.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases were admitted to Paxton Park Maternity Home, St. Neots. Admissions are arranged through the County Medical Officer.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Infectious Disease

Scarlet Fever	...	12
Whooping Cough	...	45
Diphtheria	...	-
Measles	...	135
Acute Pneumonia	...	7
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	1
Typhoid Fever	...	-
Erysipelas	...	6
Jaundice	...	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	1
Total	...	208

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

From figures available at 31st December, 1950, 51.48% of the estimated child population (0-14 years) had received a primary course of immunisation against diphtheria but only 52.6% of the babies (0-4 years) were so protected.

These percentages are dangerously low. Every effort must be made to encourage mothers to have their children protected, especially babies before school age.

Facilities for diphtheria immunisation are available at Infant Welfare Clinics, through the School Medical Service, and from General Practitioners.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1950 ... 37 (Pulmonary 22, Non-Pulmonary 15).

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	1	1	3	3	—	—	—	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

by

M. Fawcett, Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

WATER SUPPLY

As detailed in the report for 1949, the Council have main water schemes in all of their Parishes.

The Buckden Scheme is now working in each of the villages served and is almost entirely completed. Contracts for short mains extensions at Gt. Paxton and Brook End, Catworth, have been approved, and the work will be commenced in 1951. Gt. Paxton Reservoir has been re-roofed with a concrete roof. The Booster Station at Gt. Staughton has been completely overhauled and all plant and pumping stations in the area have been decorated.

Many properties are still being connected to the mains every month voluntarily, but a complete check on all properties is gradually being carried out, and where appropriate notices have been served and in some cases the work carried out in default. Six villages have been completely dealt with in this way, and the whole of the houses concerned had either main water inside the house, or in cases where the houses were estimated to have a short future life, a private stand-pipe connected to the main was erected, or a suitable alternative supply of water was already available; apart from the very isolated properties.

The Council have considered the possibility of linking the Kimbolton and Buckden Water Schemes in order to avoid isolating numbers of villages whenever bursts or breakdowns occur, but no concrete decision has yet been made. Similarly the Council are considering a new cross country trunk main from Red Hill to Southoe, Midloe, Hail Weston, which will serve many isolated farms and form a ring main for a large part of the area. I am strongly in favour of both these schemes.

A new store for water materials has been erected at Buckden.

New Byelaws under Section 17 of the Water Act, 1945, have been adopted and are awaiting confirmation by the Ministry.

MAIN PIPED SUPPLIES.

Source of Supply.	Parishes Supplied.	Daily Consumption.
a. South Cambs. R.D.C.	Abbotsley, Waresley, Gt. Gransden, Tetworth and part of Eynesbury Hard.	18,000 galls.

b. Raunds U.D.C.	Kimbolton, Covington, Catworth, Tilbrook and Stow.	38,000 galls.
c. Diddington (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Buckden, Diddington, Grafham, Southoe, Lt. Paxton, Hail Weston, Offords, Gt. Paxton, Toseland and Yelling.	65,000 galls. (Includes Polish Camp)
d. Staughton Moor (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Gt. Staughton and Perry.	20,000 galls. (Includes H.M. Borstal Institution).
e. St. Neots U.D.C.	St. Neots Rural & Eynesbury Hardwicke.	Not known.

Annual rainfall at Gransden Hall: 27.88 inches.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ON RAW WATER.

Six samples were obtained from Diddington Well and five of these were satisfactory. The other sample was unsatisfactory due to flooding, but the treated water was quite satisfactory and also subsequent raw water samples. All samples from the Gt. Staughton Moor are raw in that this supply receives no treatment.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ON TREATED WATER.

All samples taken during the year were satisfactory as follows:—South Cambs. R.D.C. 11 samples, Raunds U.D.C. 11 samples, Diddington 12 samples, Staughton 11 samples. Total 45.

PARTICULARS OF ANY CHEMICAL ANALYSES.

Ten satisfactory and one unsatisfactory chemical sample were taken from the Diddington supply. The unsatisfactory sample was due to Cuprosolvency, and this is thought to be due to new copper service pipes, and investigations are being made.

One satisfactory chemical sample was taken from each of the three other schemes.

WELLS.

New wells sunk: Nil. Wells cleansed and repaired: 3. Wells closed as polluted: 9. Number of samples obtained for analysis found to be satisfactory: 11; unsatisfactory: 12. Action taken: Main Water substituted for unsatisfactory well supplies. Any insufficiency: No.

REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY FOR ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1950.

Name of Town, Village or Parish	Source of Supply:—Public Supply, Wells, etc.	Sufficiency or Otherwise	Quality of Water	Analyses of Individual Supplies. Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, or none. Private Supplies only.	No. of such Analyses.	Estimated No. of Dwellings Supplied. Direct from Main Supply.	By Stand-pipes.	By Public or Private Wells.	Estimated Population Supplied. Direct from Main Supply.	By Stand-pipes.	By Public or Private Wells.
Abbotsley	Public Main	Suff.	Satis.	Nil	—	49	43	3	190	125	9
Buckden	,, ,,	,,	,,	2 Unsat., 1 Sat.	3	187	77	93	550	220	250
Catworth	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	38	46	9	160	133	25
Covington	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	13	14	5	48	52	18
Diddington	,, ,,	,,	,,	1 Unsat., 6 Sat.	7	33	3	16	115(a)	11	50
Eynesbury H.	U.D.C. Mains & Wells	,,	,,	Nil	—	12	13	8	50	56	33
Grafham	Public Main	,,	,,	1 Unsat.	1	57	9	2	166	28	6
Gt. Gransden	,, ,,	,,	,,	1 Unsat.	1	88	43	28	217	112	51
Gt. Paxton	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	100	12	1	266	36	3
Gt. Staughton	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	96	91	37	410(b)	132	100
Hail Weston	,, ,,	,,	,,	5 Unsat., 2 Sat.	7	48	11	39	170	32	85
Kimbolton	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	210	67	6	800(c)	187	12
Lt. Paxton	,, ,,	,,	,,	1 Sat.	1	38	9	24	100	25	75
Offord Cluny	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	54	16	15	165	46	42
Offord Darcy	,, ,,	,,	,,	2 Unsat., 1 Sat.	3	62	15	22	170	40	73
Southoe & Midloe	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	32	17	34	90	45	81
St. Neots Rural	U.D.C. Mains & Wells	,,	,,	Nil	—	16	—	6	50	—	18
Stow	Public Main	,,	,,	Nil	—	27	8	—	92	26	—
Tetworth	Bigg'wade Water Board, South Cambs. R.D.C., and Wells	,,	,,	1 Unsat., 2 Sat.	3	20	5	9	60	14	11
Tilbrook	Public Main	,,	,,	Nil	—	52	25	2	123	70	5
Toseland	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	28	15	2	93	35	5
Waresley	,, ,,	,,	,,	1 Sat.	1	42	9	5	137	30	16
Yelling	,, ,,	,,	,,	Nil	—	54	14	8	148	40	22
						1356	562	374	4381	1545	995
						2292			6921		
						Plus Polish Camp ... (Direct from Mains)			700		
									7621		

Notes—(a) Does not include Polish School, which varies up to 700 persons.
(b) Includes H.M. Borstal Institution at Gaynes Hall.
(c) Includes Kimbolton School Boarders.

Particulars regarding plumbo-solvent action connected with above supplies:—

SEWERS AND DISPOSAL

There is no alteration with regard to the new schemes to the details given in the 1949 report except that the Council hope to be ready for the Ministry's enquiry into the Buckden—Offord and Kimbolton—Gt. Staughton Schemes in 1951. The problem is a most urgent one even if only because it gives rise to difficulties in obtaining suitable new housing sites, apart from the rising water consumption.

Flooding in several villages is being dealt with jointly with the County Council, and in Toseland a comprehensive ditching scheme is necessary, and the County Council are trying to obtain the agreement of all the Riparian owners concerned.

18 piped sewers and 6 open ditches received attention during 1950.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

The Council arrange for this work to be done by private contractor at the applicant's expense. 20 Private and 8 Public Cesspools were emptied during the year.

The Council's Cesspool Emptying Machine deals with the sewage tanks on the Council's Housing Sites.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The scheme of refuse and nightsoil collection, outlined in the 1947 report continued to operate smoothly throughout the whole of the district. Biggleswade R.D.C. collect nightsoil and refuse on behalf of this Council from part of the isolated parish of Tetworth.

The refuse tip in Lucks Lane, Buckden, has been levelled and seeded, and is no longer in use. Refuse is disposed of at three tips by means of controlled tipping.

SALVAGE.

The amounts of salvage collected by the R.D.C. workmen were as follows: Waste paper, 5 tons 13 cwts.; rags, 6½ cwts.; total value £28. The workmen receive a bonus on the amounts collected. The result may appear to be poor, but a considerable amount of salvage is collected in this area by a local dealer, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, etc., which seriously limits the amount available for collection by the Council.

PETROLEUM STORAGE LICENCES.

Six new applications were received during the year, leaving 33 premises on the register, all of which were licensed.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Seven sites continued to be licensed during the year, subject to the usual conditions, and 4 complaints were remedied.

COUNCIL HOUSE MAINTENANCE.

620 visits were made and 299 orders were issued for repairs.

Electric lighting has been installed in 8 old houses, and 44 houses have been painted externally. The Council have decided to instal approved ranges in their old Council houses, as and when the existing cooking facilities become worn out.

BUILDING LICENCES.

28 licences were granted during 1950.

NEW BUILDINGS.

66 plans of new buildings or alterations were deposited. Two plans were rejected on account of unsatisfactory water supply and another on account of drainage. 210 visits were paid to works in progress.

NAMING AND NUMBERING OF STREETS AND HOUSES.

6 Parishes have been dealt with at the request of the Parish Councils concerned. In my opinion the whole of the area requires numbering, but unfortunately, Parish Councils do not consider there is any necessity for such action in the remaining Parishes.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Only 10 retailers are registered with the Council, as all other dealers are producers, and therefore within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture. Three inspections of premises were carried out. The Council have issued four supplementary licences for T.T. and eight for Pasteurised milk.

FOOD INSPECTIONS.

During the year, 163 lbs. of food were condemned as unfit for consumption, this was chiefly tinned food, ice cream, sausages and bacon.

Thirteen premises are registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. One application was withdrawn on account of inability to comply with the standard laid down.

ICE CREAM SAMPLES.

15 samples have been submitted to bacteriological eaxmination and 5 were placed in grade 1, 5 in grade II, 2 in grade III and 3 in grade IV. All the unsatisfactory samples were followed up and in every case subsequent samples were placed in grades I or II.

SLAUGHTERMEN'S LICENCES.

None have been renewed during the year as the licences are granted for 3 years.

There are 8 slaughterhouses in the area, none of which are in regular use. The only slaughtering taking place is that of cottagers' private pigs. All slaughtering of animals for sale still takes place at the Urban District Council's slaughterhouse.

FOOD BYELAWS.

The Ministry's Model Byelaws have been adopted from the 1st April, 1951.

PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE.

Type of Property	Number of Properties in Local Authority's Area in which infestation was			Analysis of Infestation — Number infested by			
	Total	Notified by Occupier	Otherwise discovered	Total	Rats Major	Rats Minor	Mice only
Local Authority's Property	20	—	21	21	8	13	—
Dwelling Houses	2292	20	19	39	—	38	1
Business Premises	167	8	3	11	2	6	3
Agricultural Property	347	9	18	27	12	15	—
Total	2826	37	61	98	22	72	4

MEASURES OF CONTROL

Type of Property	No. of properties inspected	No. of inspections made	No. of treatments by arrangement with occupier		Block treatments in different occupancies by informal arrangement	
			Rats	Mice	No. of blocks	Surface No. of separate occupancies
L.A. Property	21	111	21	—	—	—
Dwelling House	79	265	26	1	1	12
Business Premises	17	69	8	3	—	—
Agricultural Property	34	185	27	—	—	—
Total	151	630	82	4	1	12

The scheme is joint with the U.D.C., but the above figures relate to the Rural Area only for the 12 months ended 31/12/50.

POST WAR HOUSING.

Parish	Completed during year	Under construction	Total built since 1945
Abbotsley ...	2	—	8
Buckden ...	5	3	27
Gt. Gransden ...	—	2	12
Gt. Staughton ...	4	4	10
Gt. Paxton ...	6	—	16
Kimbolton ...	—	—	6
Offord Darcy ...	—	—	4
Offord Cluny ...	—	14	4
Stow Longa ...	—	—	4
Tilbrook ...	—	—	8
Yelling ...	—	—	6
Grafham ...	—	—	6
Hail Weston ...	8	4	14
Little Paxton ...	—	—	4
Southoe ...	4	—	4
Covington ...	—	2	—
	—	—	—
	29	29	133
	—	—	—

A Consultant Architect is responsible for the erection of new houses and the Council employ a Clerk of Works to assist him.

The Council now own 21 housing sites in their 23 parishes and two other sites are in process of negotiations. 18 of these sites have been developed.

6 new private houses were completed during the year and 4 additional houses were provided by conversions.

HOUSING INSPECTION.

The following table shows the work undertaken during 1950. Once again the major energies of the Council have been directed towards the provision of new houses, but I am pleased to report that action has been taken against some of the worst houses existing in the area. Urgent repairs have been dealt with, usually under the Public Health Act, 1936.

HOUSING TABLE

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:—
   - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 250
   - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 396
   - (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ... —
   - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... —
   - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 9
   - (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 98
2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices:—

   Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 95
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—
   - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—
     - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... —
     - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—
       - (a) By owners ... —
       - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... —
   - (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—
     - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 22

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

(a) By owners ... 18
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... 1

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... 4
(2) Undertakings to make fit accepted ... 2
(3) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... 4

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... 3
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... —

4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... 5
(2) Number of families dwelling therein ... 5
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 27½

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... —

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... 2
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 8

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... —

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... —

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE:—

Total number of notices served	...	110
Informal	...	88
Formal	...	22
Total number of notices complied with	...	106
Informal	...	88
Formal	...	18
Work in default	...	1

ANALYSIS OF INSPECTIONS MADE:—

Housing	... 57
Council House Maintenance	... 620
Houses, etc. Under P.H. Act, 1936	... 193
Houses, etc. Under P.H. Act, 1936, re-visits	... 153
Supervising erection of new buildings	... 210
Sewers and Sewage Disposal	... 186
Post War Housing	... 103
Civil Defence	... 5
Street Numbering	... 526
Dairies	... 2
Bakehouses	... 4
Drains Tested	... 96
Infectious Disease	... 13
Rooms Disinfected	... 9
Schools	... 1
Ice Cream (samples taken 15)	... 34
Vermin	... 3
Requisitioning	... 14
Water Supply (samples taken bact. 78. chem. 14)	... 1285
Scavenging	... 37
Food Premises	... 19
Rats and Mice	... 9
Building Licences	... 18
Salvage	... 1
Miscellaneous	... 114
Moveable Dwellings	... 16
Factories (with power)	... 3
Outworkers	... 5
Interviews	... 789
Meat Inspection	... 6
Housing Applications	... 44
Overcrowding	... 2
Petroleum	... 2
Total Defects Remedied or Nuisances abated	... 611

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION, ETC.

Number of houses with pail or tub closets in area (est.)	... 1429
Number of houses with W.C.'s in area (estimated)	... 820
Number of pails reconstructed as W.C.'s in 1950	... 57
Number of new additional W.C.'s provided at existing property	... Nil
Number of W.C.'s constructed in 1950 for new premises	... 74
Number of new pails provided	... 39
Number of new dustbins provided	... 13

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Total number on Register (including bakehouse)	... 61
No. of inspections	... 26
Number in which defects remedied (none found)	... Nil
Bakehouses, number on Register	... 9
Number in which defects remedied	... Nil
Number of notices served	... Nil
Number of notices complied with	... Nil